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1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TO MR. JOHN C. CAMPBELL, COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS, INC., THE HAROLD PRATT HOUSE, 58TH EAST 68TH STREET, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10021:

BEGIN QUOTE:

DEAR JOHN:

FURTHER TO MY LETTER OF JANUARY 23, NICOLAE FOTINO (ADIRI) TOLD ED MAINLAND YESTERDAY HE IS NOW READY TO FORWARD TO YOU A PROPOSAL FOR THE ROMANIAN AMERICAN CONFERENCE TO BE SPONSORED BY ADIRI AND THE COUNCIL, AN IDEA LONG UNDER CONSIDERATION. I WANTED TO INFORM YOU ABOUT IT INFORMALLY IN ADVANCE AND TO SEEK YOUR INITIAL REACTION, AND FOTINO IS AGREEABLE. ADIRI WOULD INVITE EIGHT U.S. SCHOLARS TO BUCHAREST IN LATE AUGUST-EARLY SEPTEMBER 1975 FOR A COLLOQUIUM ON THE THEME "MODALITIES OF REALIZING A NEW WORLD POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ORDER". U.S. SIDE WOULD PAY AIR FARES, ROMANIANS WOULD PICK UP ALL INTERNAL EXPENSES (HOTEL, MEALS, ETC.). FOTINO ENVISAGES PARTICIPATION BY EXPERTS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND LAW AS WELL AS INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS. HE NAMED SOME PROMINENT ROMANIANS SUCH AS MIRCEA MALITA, CONSTANTIN MOISUC, GHEORGHE DOLGU OR COSTIN MURGESCU, AND STRESSED THAT IT WOULD 1 "STRICTLY NON-GOVERNMENTAL" AND "SCIENTIFIC", HOPEFULLY TO ALLOW UNCLASSIFIED

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MAXIMUM CREATIVITYNEND FLEXIBILITY AS TO SUBJECT MATTER. FOTINO

SUGGESTED ABOUT THREE DAYS OF WORK, PLUS TWO DAYS TO COVER ARRIVALS. DEPARTURES. AND SOME TOURISM OUT OF TOWN.

HE REALIZES LEAD TIME IS NOT ALL THAT LONG BUT HAS JUST WON A LENGTHY DIALOGUE WITH HIS "ACCOUNTANTS" AND HAS 1975 FUNDS IN HAND, SO HOPES TO USE THEM. TENTATIVELY HE HAS BEEN THINKING OF EITHER TWO GENERAL PAPERS, ONE TO BE PREPARED BY EACH SIDE, OR ALTERNATIVELY 5-6 SHORTER PAPERS ON VARIOUS TOPICAL ASPECTS BY EACH SIDE, FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION, NO FINAL DOCUMENT OR CONCLUSIONS WOULD NECESSARILY EMERGE, UNLESS THE GROUP FELT THAT A SUMMARY COULD USEFULLY APPEAR IN ADIRI'S JOURNAL OR UNDER COUNCIL AUSPICES. MEETING IN FACT COULD BE ENTIRELY PRIVATE IF KUNCIL DESIRED. IMPORTANT IN HIS VIEW IS TO MAKE A START AT DIALOGUE, IDENTIFY ISSUES OF COMMON INTEREST, AND CONDUCT UNTRAMMELLED DISCUSSIONS, HOPEFULLY LEADING TO FURTHER MEETINGS, WITH NEXT ONE TO BE HELD IN U.S. FINALLY, HE EMPHASIZED THAT HIS PROPOSAL WAS OF COURSE ENTIJLY OPEN TO YOUR IDEAS ANAP QTEFERENCES, INCLUDING TOPIC, FORMAT, AND TIMING, BUT HOPED FOR YOUR FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION.

I AM DILIGHTED THAT FOTINO HAS FINALLY BEEN ABLE TO JAR THIS PROJECT LOOSE AND TO READY A PROPOSAL, WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT THE PROPOSED TIMING MAY POSE PROBLEMS. ALTHOUGH THE CONFERENCE'S TITLE REFLECTS THE ROMANIAN EDGING TOWARD THE NON-ALIGNED CAMP, I FEEL THAT A MODIFIED TITLE WOULD BE NEGOTIABLE IF YOU PROPOSE ONE, FOR EXAMPLE USING THE "INTERDEPENCENCE" THEME. BUT THERE MAY BE REAL MERIT AT THIS TIME IN EXPOSING SOME OF ROMANIA'S BETTER SCHOLARS AND ADVISERS TO A SPECTRUM OF AMERICAN VIEWS ON WHAT HAS BECOME A MAJOR PROBLEM IN U.S. FOREIGN POLICY, I.E. REACTIOQIZAND ADAPTATION TO THE POWER AND DEMANDS OF THE THIRD WORLD. WOULD THIS REPRESENT FOR THE COUNCIEV A POSSIBLE INTERESTING LABORATORY EXPERIMENT AND SOME NEW GROUND? WHILE IT IS INEVITABLE, I SUPPOSE, THAT A GOOD BIT OF THE ROMANIAN OFFICIAL CREDO WILL IMPINGE ON THE DISCUSSION, I WOULD IMAGINE THAT A FAIRLY GOOD CHANCE EXISTS.

FRANKNESS AND OPENNESS ABOUT ROMANIA'S INTERESTS AND PROBLEMS IN THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT, AND IF THE MEETING COULD BE MOVED OUTSIDE BUCHAREST SOMEHOW, E.G. SINAIA/PREDEAL, SO MUCH THE BETTER. IT WOULD GIVE UNCLASSIFIED

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DACATION OF OUR "NON-GOVRNMENTAL" BILATERAL RELATIONS A VERY HELPFUL AND NEEDED SHOT IN THE ARM, CERTAINLY, WOULD SHOW THAT SAVANTS OF A GREAT POWER AND A SMALL POWER CAN TALK OVER A CONTENTIOUS INTERNATIONAL ISSUE OF CURRE M

RELEVANCE IN RESTRAINED, FAIRLY OBJECTIVE FASYCON, AND WOULD HELP OFFSET A CERTAIN RETROGRESSIVE MOMENTUM HERE INTERNALLY.

I AM INQUIRING WHETHER SOME DEPARTMENT FUNDS MIGHT BE ALLOTTED TOWARD THIS PROJECT. IN ANY CASE, I'LL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR VIEWS AND HOPING SOMETHING CAN BE WORKED OUT, IF ONLY BECAUSE YOUR NOVEMBER 20 LETTER SAID YOU WOULDN'T RULE ANYTHING OUT. HARRY G. BARNES, JR.

END QUOTE.

2. FOR YALE RICHMOND CUJGEE. WHAT ARE PROSPECTS THAT CU FUNDS COULD HELP MEET ABOVE TRAVEL EXPENSES OF COUNCIL OF FOREIGN RELATIONS PARTICIPANTS IN FY 76? I EXPECT TIMING WILL BE FIRST PROBLEM FOR COUNCIL, BUT IF THAT CAN BE OVERCOME WOULD CONSIDER THIS ENCOUNTER A VERY IMPORTANT ONZETO PROMOTE.
BARNES

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